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SUBJECT:FY 1977 MILITARY SECURITY AND MIDDLE EAST SUPPORT-
ING ASSISTANCE REPORT

REF: AMMAN 986

1. YOU MAY RELEASE FY 77 ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE
FIGURES FOR JORDAN TO GOJ. (PRESENTATION OF THESE FIGURES
TO CONGRESS TOOK PLACE FEB 17 AND FEB 20.) THESE FIGURES
ARE: (A) SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE DOLS 77.5 MILLION; (B)
PL 480 DOLS 7,999,000; (C) MAP DOLS 70 MILLION; (D) FMS
CREDITS DOLS 75 MILLION; AND (E) MILITARY TRAINING DOLS
800,000.

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2. STATUS OF FY 1976 ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE

PROGRAMS: SENATE ON FEB 18 ADOPTED INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS CONTROL (AUTHORIZATION) ACT OF 1976 THAT CUT FY 1976 MAP FOR JORDAN TO DOLS 50 MILLION (FROM DOLS 100 MILLION REQUESTED BY ADMINISTRATION) AND SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE TO DOLS 67 MILLION (FROM DOLS 77.5 MILLION REQUESTED BY ADMINISTRATION). OVERALL FMS CREDIT LEVEL OF DOLS 2.3747 BILLION REQUESTED BY ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT REDUCED. AT SAME TIME, HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE AUTHORIZATION

BILL REDUCING OUR MAP REQUEST FOR JORDAN TO DOLS 70 MILLION, LEAVING REQUESTED OVERALL FMS CREDIT LEVEL OF DOLS 2.3747 BILLION UNCHANGED, BUT REQUIRING CUTS TOTALLING DOLS 15 MILLION IN MIDDLE EAST SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE ABSORBED BY SYRIAN AND JORDANIAN PROGRAMS. AT THIS POINT, IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW FULL HOUSE WILL VOTE, OR HOW THESE DIFFERING AUTHORIZATION MEASURES WILL BE RECONCILED IN CONFERENCE, OR WHAT IS LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS ACTION IN CONGRESS.

3. ADMINISTRATION DID NOT RPT NOT REQUEST MAP, FMS CREDITS OR SALES FOR ISRAEL, JORDAN, SYRIA OR EGYPT IN INTERIM QUARTER. ALTHOUGH BOTH SFRC AND HIRC SUBSEQUENTLY PROPOSED THAT UP TO ONE-QUARTER OF FY 1976 LEVELS BE AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN INTERIM QUARTER, HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE HAS DELETED THIS PROVISION IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATIONS BILL. OUTCOME OF FURTHER SENATE AND HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE INTERIM QUARTER AID LEVELS REMAINS UNCERTAIN AT THIS WRITING. INGERSOLL

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